- 1 HB17
- 2 112998-1
- 3 By Representative Mitchell (Constitutional Amendment)
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8	SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose a constitutional
9	amendment specifying that a person engaged in any
10	occupation or vocation that involves serving as an
11	officer of the court, including, but not limited to
12	attorneys, may not serve in the Legislature.
13	This bill would state that the purpose of
14	this restriction is to prevent potential undue
15	influence, conflict of interest, or multiple
16	payments by the state to the person.
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18	A BILL
19	TO BE ENTITLED
20	AN ACT
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22	Proposing an amendment to Section 47 of the
23	Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 47
24	of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama
25	of 1901, as amended, to further provide for the qualifications
26	of legislators.
27	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LECISLATURE OF ALARAMA.

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the 2 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of 3 4 this act are fulfilled: PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5 Section 47 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, 6 7 is amended to read as follows: Section 47. 8 9 (a) Senators shall be at least twenty-five years of 10 age, and representatives twenty-one years of age at the time of their election. They shall have been citizens and residents 11 12 of this state for three years and residents of their 13 respective counties or districts for one year next before 14 their election, if such county or district shall have been so 15 long established; but if not, then of the county or district from which the same shall have been taken; and they shall 16 17 reside in their respective counties or districts during their terms of office. 18 (b) A person engaged in any occupation or vocation 19 that involves serving as an officer of the court, including, 20 21 but not limited to attorneys, may not serve in the 22 Legislature. The purpose of this restriction is to prevent potential undue influence, conflict of interest, or multiple 23 24 payments by the state to the person. 25 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the 26

Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284

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1	and 200 of the official Recompitation of the constitution of
2	Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
3	state.
4	Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
5	assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
6	amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
7	following description of the substance or subject matter of
8	the proposed constitutional amendment:
9	"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
10	Alabama of 1901, to specify that a person engaged in any
11	occupation or vocation that involves serving as an officer of
12	the court, including, but not limited to attorneys, may not
13	serve in the Legislature."
14	"Proposed by Act"
15	This description shall be followed by the following
16	language:
17	"Ves () No () "